

Compound Interest and e — 6.3, 6.7

Use the simple interest formula to fill in the following table, if \$ P is invested, and interest is compound 1 time per year at an annual interest rate r .

t	A (amount in account after t years)
0	P
$\frac{1}{2}$	
1	$P + I$ or $P + Pr$ or $P(1 + r)$
2	$P(1 + r) + P(1 + r)r$ or $P(1 + r)^2$
3	$P(1 + r)^3$
t	

Compound Interest Formula

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

where

P = principal

r = annual interest rate expressed as a decimal

n = number of interest periods per year

t = number of years P is invested

A = amount after t years

1. Compound Interest

If \$5,000 is invested at a rate of 6% per year compounded quarterly, find the principal (amount in the account) after

a) 3 months

b) 3 years

Use the compound interest formula to fill in the following table, if \$1 is invested at an annual interest rate of 100% for 1 year for the various numbers of compounding periods per year.

n	$A = 1\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$ or $A = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$
1	$(1 + 1)^1 =$
4	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^4 =$
12	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{12}\right)^{12} =$
56	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{56}\right)^{56} =$
365	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{365}\right)^{365} =$
1,000	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{1,000}\right)^{1,000} =$
10,000	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{10,000}\right)^{10,000} =$
100,000	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{100,000}\right)^{100,000} =$
1,000,000	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{1,000,000}\right)^{1,000,000} =$

What can you conclude about the value of the expression $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$ as n gets really large?

In mathematical terms, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e$ ⑥

The Number e

If n is a positive integer, then as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e \approx 2.71828$

Show what happens to the compounded interest formula $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$?

Let $k = \frac{nt}{n}$ and note that as $k \rightarrow \infty$, $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Continuously Compounded Interest Formula

$$A = Pe^{rt} \quad , \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{array}{l} P = \text{principal} \\ r = \text{annual interest rate expressed as a decimal} \\ t = \text{number of years } P \text{ is invested} \\ A = \text{amount after } t \text{ years} \end{array}$$

2. Continuously Compounded Interest

How much money, invested at an interest rate of 4% per year compounded continuously, will amount to \$25,000 in 3 years?

Law of Exponential Growth (or Decay) Formula

Let q_0 be the value of a quantity q at time (that is, q_0 is the initial amount of q). If q changes instantaneously at a rate proportional to its current value, then

$$q = q(t) = q_0 e^{rt} \quad ,$$

where $r > 0$ is a rate of growth (or $r < 0$ is the rate of decay) of q .

Note: The above formula is the “same” as the continuously compounded interest formula.

3. Population Growth Rate

The 1985 population estimate for India was 762 million, and the population has been growing continuously at a rate of about 2.2% per year. Assume that this rapid growth rate continues.

a) Write an exponential function to model India’s population as a function of years since 1985.

b) Use the model above to predict India’s population in 2010.

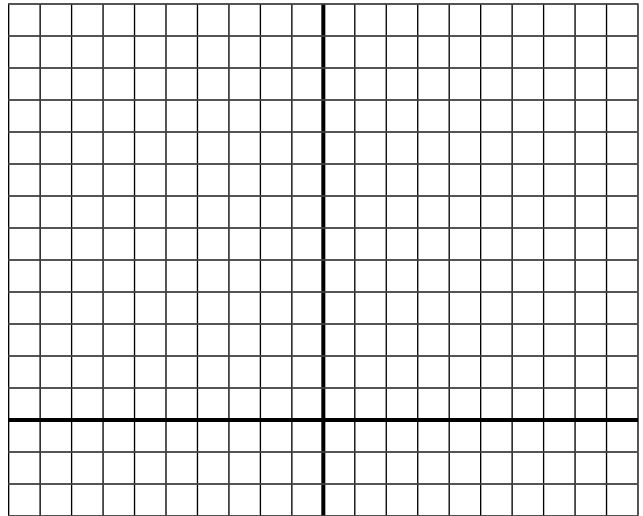
Natural Exponential Function $f(x) = e^x$ (Note:
 $e \approx 2.71828$)

Domain:

Horizontal Asymptote at $y = 0$.

Range:

The natural exponential function contains
the points $(0, 1)$ and $(1, e)$.



4. *Graph the equation.*

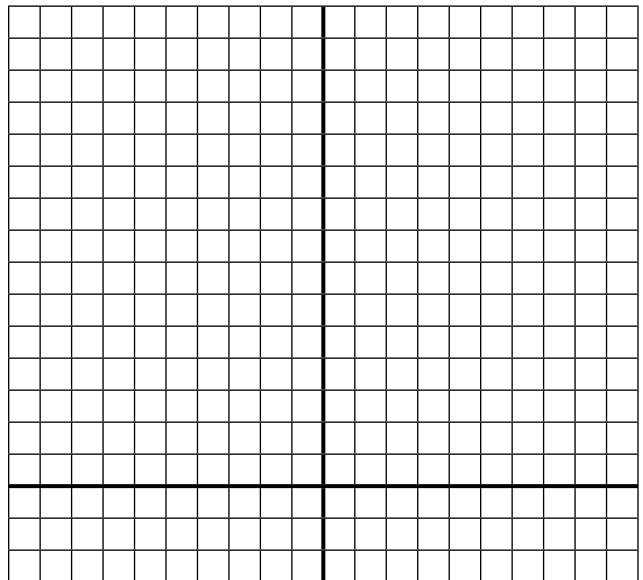
$$f(x) = e^{-x} + 2$$

Domain:

Transformations:

Points:

Range:



Solve the equation.

5. $e^{-x}e^2 = \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{4x+12}$

Find all zeros of f .

6. $f(x) = x^2(2e^{2x}) + 2xe^{2x} + e^{2x} + 2xe^{2x}$